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1. SUMMARY : PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR IZQUIERDO SAID THAT MAIN BLOCK TO RENEWED MEXICAN-SPANISH RELATIONS WAS HOW TO END RELATIONS WITH REPUBLICAN REGIME LOCATED IN PARIS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN THE COURSE OF MY CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR RAFAEL IZQUIERDO, THE POSSIBLE RENEWAL OF MEXICAN-SPANISH RELATIONS AROSE. IZQUIERDO, WHO FLED SPAIN AT THE AGE OF EIGHT WITH HIS PARENTS, SAID THAT THE MAIN OBSTACLE TO RENEWING RELATIONS WAS THE MATTER OF HOW TO END RELATIONS WITH THE SPANISH REPUBLICAN REGIME HEADQUARTERED IN PARIS IN A GRACEFUL MANNER. HE SUGGESTED THAT ONE POSSIBILITY WAS FOR THE PRESENT POLITICAL PARTIES IN SPAIN TO DECLARE THAT THE REPUBLIC IS NO LONGER IN BEING.

3. IN ANY CASE, HE CONFIRMED THAT THE PRESIDENT ATTACHED HIGH PRIORITY TO RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS, THAT MOST OF THE ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN SATISFACTORILY

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NEGOTIATED THROUGH INFORMAL CONTACTS AND THAT SOME FORMULA WOULD SHORTLY BE FOUND PROVIDING A DECOROUS SOLUTION TO THE "MORAL PROBLEM" OF DISCONTINUING THE REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT CONNECTION. IT WAS PREFERABLE THAT THIS PART OF THE DEAL BE DONE FROM SPAIN ITSELF.

4. COMMENT: WHEN AND IF THE GOM DECIDES IT REALLY

WANTS TO MOVE, THE QUALMS RE MORAL CONSIDERATIONS MAY
GO OVERBOARD. AFTER ALL, THE AMBASSADOR OF TAIWAN,
DESPITE BEING DEAN OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, WAS GIVEN
24 HOURS TO GET OUT OF THE COUNTRY WHEN MEXICO
DECIDED TO RECOGNIZE PEKING.

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